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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 1, 2007, and to supplement Applicant's Notice of Appeal filed on April 1, 2008, please consider the following Amendment submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request that the Appeal be dismissed, that the final rejection mailed October 1, 2007, be withdrawn, and that prosecution of the above-identified application continue after entry in the record of the present Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.